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1. Vietnam

No significant changes in the diplomatic or propaganda attitudes of the main parties in the situation have been noted since yesterday.

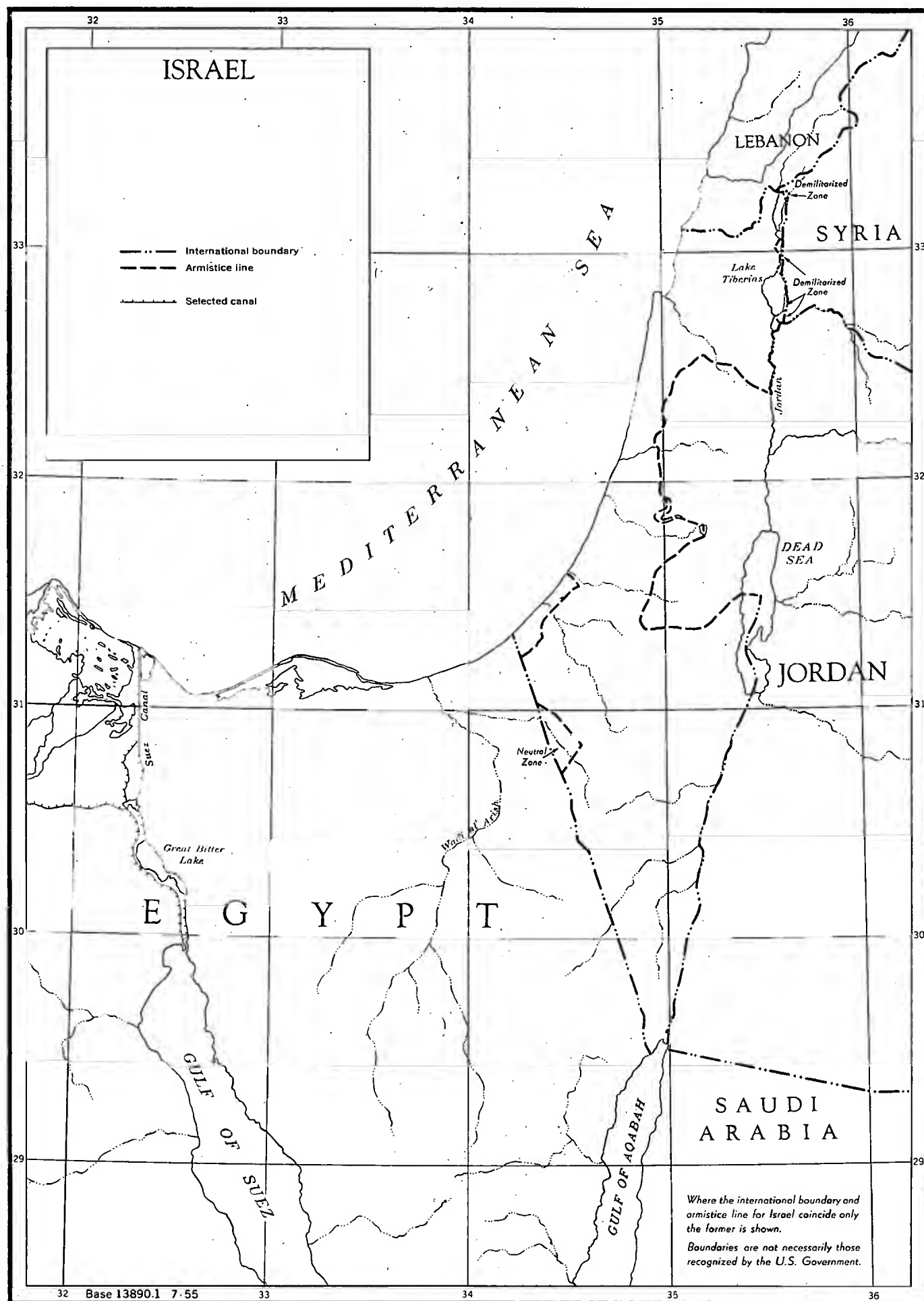
On a lower note, the Ceylonese say that Kosygin flew into a rage recently when their ambassador in Moscow offered him their press statement endorsing President Johnson's Baltimore speech on Vietnam. Kosygin asked the Ceylonese ambassador rhetorically "what the US thought it was trying to do," and stamped out of the room.

Ambassador Lyon in Colombo speculates that Kosygin may merely have been bullying the Ceylonese, telling them in effect to mind their own business. He points out that things in Ceylon have not gone well lately from the Soviet point-of-view.

According to the press, the new Soviet ambassador to Peiping will be Sergei Lapin, currently one of the several deputy foreign ministers. Lapin is not a member of the Soviet party central committee, and the Chinese conceivably might regard this as a slight. Otherwise, there seems to be nothing out of the way about this appointment.

As yet there is no word on the results of today's air assault against the Viet Cong headquarters in the western portion of Tay Ninh Province. The major action in Quang Tri Province is continuing with heavy fighting. South Vietnamese Marine reinforcements arrived in the area yesterday.

The highway clearing operation in Binh Dinh Province, also by South Vietnamese Marines, continues to meet heavy Viet Cong resistance, and friendly forces had 23 men killed or wounded yesterday. (See map.)



2. Jordan

One battalion of the heavy armored brigade which deployed into the Jordan valley in late March has moved into position on the west bank of the river. The US Army attache comments that this is the first known movement of heavy armor to the west bank since the armistice in 1949, and is symptomatic of the Jordanians' lively fears of early Israeli attack. (Map)

3. Bulgaria

The US Legation in Sofia is now inclined to think that there was serious trouble last week within the government but the details remain hazy. The best guess at present is that a coup was attempted, unsuccessfully, by a group of World War II comrades who regard recent government actions as too liberal.

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4. Uganda

5. Yemen

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6. Ecuador

The government is planning to provoke incidents on the Peruvian frontier about the time the Organization of American States meets late next month. The object would be to draw wide attention to Ecuador's long-standing desire for boundary revisions.

Troops have apparently already moved in to the frontier area, and the chief of the general staff is said to have personally supervised their preparations.

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